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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Draft Minutes of the 13 May 1976
Intelligence Board Meeting

1. The attached draft minutes of the 13 May Intelligence Board meeting are submitted herewith for NFIB consideration.

NFIB ACTION REQUESTED

2. Board members are requested to advise the Secretariat by close of business 24 May 1976 of their approval or other views on the attached minutes as well as the record of Board discussion contained in NFIB-D-46.8/50, 13 May 1976, limited distribution through restricted channels, [redacted]

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Executive Secretary

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NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of
First Meeting
National Foreign Intelligence Board
DCI Conference Room (7D64)
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1000 hours, 13 May 1976

Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. George Bush
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

[Redacted] Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence
Community
Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters, USA, Deputy Director of
Central Intelligence
Mr. Harold H. Saunders, Director of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
Lieutenant General Eugene F. Tighe, Jr., USAF, Acting Director,
Defense Intelligence Agency
Lieutenant General Lew Allen, Jr., USAF, Director, National Security
Agency
Mr. David Laux, acting for Department of Treasury Representative to
NFIB
Colonel Fred I. Chanatry, USAF, acting for Energy Research and
Development Administration Representative to NFIB
Mr. William O. Cregar, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
Representative to NFIB

SERVICE OBSERVERS PRESENT

Major General Harold R. Aaron, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Bobby R. Inman, USN, Director of Intelligence, Department
of the Navy
Colonel Jerry Alderson, USAF, Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
United States Air Force

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Before addressing the regular agenda items, Mr. Bush reported that he had made a number of senior appointments some of which he thought would be of direct interest to the Board Principals:

Mr. Richard Lehman, Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence Officers

Mr. Sayre Stevens, Deputy Director for Intelligence, CIA

Mr. John McMahon, Associate Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community

Mr. Leslie C. Dirks, Associate Deputy Director for Science and Technology, CIA

At the invitation of the DCI, [] announced two additional appointments to his staff.

[] of NSA is to head the Office of Program and Budget Development; and

[] of CIA will head the Office of Performance Evaluation and Improvement.

New Procedures for Current Intelligence Publications

Mr. Bush also announced the termination of the National Intelligence Bulletin and the development of new procedures for the National Intelligence Daily. He thanked the Board Principals for their comments on this matter and said that most of their suggestions had been incorporated in the Memorandum on Procedures which had been circulated earlier this week. In regard to the Memorandum, Mr. Bush noted that it was a working document and that adjustments may be necessary as we gain more experience.

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1. Discussion of the Strategic Warning Staff
Monthly Report
(MR-4-76, 29 April 1976)

[] commented that, while this was a most important document which he highly recommended reading, he was not sure it warranted a monthly discussion at the Board table.

He observed that it contained seven good articles which are useful and directly related to the SWS charter.

The NFIB noted the subject report.

2. DCID No. 1/14, "Minimum Personnel Security
Standards and Procedures Governing Eligibility
for Access to Sensitive Compartmented Informa-
tion"
(Memorandum for Holders-1 of USIB-D-9.3/13,
16 April 1976)

Mr. Bush introduced the subject and invited the Chairman of the Security Committee to provide a background statement. [] briefly summarized the issue involved in the DIA proposed change which could preclude the Senior Intelligence Officer from requesting a reinvestigation in less than five years in the absence of questionable or suspect activities where the Senior Intelligence Officer does not have his own investigative resources.

General Allen explained his concern over the constraints in investigative resources. He said that the proposed DIA change would preclude his asking for reinvestigation when, for example, he desired to assign a person to a particularly sensitive post. Noting that this was essentially a DoD problem, General Allen said that he had held discussions within DoD the day before and that tentative agreement had been reached to place the following footnote at the end of paragraph 13:

"In DoD an SIO may request, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense or his designee, additional reinvestigations under special circumstances not covered above."

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General Tighe said that he was satisfied with this solution, adding that he agreed with General Allen regarding the need to maintain adequate security procedures; particularly since such procedures were being constrained by resource cuts.

Col. Chanatry withdrew the ERDA footnote to paragraph 14 of the subject draft.

There followed a general discussion of security problems and the increasingly difficult task faced by the intelligence community to protect vital intelligence.

Mr. Bush said that he perceived a growing awareness in Congress on the need to tighten up in the whole general area of security for intelligence matters and that the prospects for Congressional support in this area may have improved. He added that the EO 11905 also stressed the need for the protection of intelligence sources and methods. General Allen said that he was concerned about the general laxness in attitude regarding existing security practices.

In the course of the discussion the DCI asked [] to take an overall look at security to see if we are doing all that we practically can to meet the concerns expressed.

Following additional discussion the DCI, with Board concurrence, approved the subject DCID as amended.*

*The approved version of DCID No. 1/14 as amended will be circulated as NFIB-D-9.3/14, 17 May 1976, and will be printed in the established DCID format and disseminated at an early date to holders of the Intelligence Directives Handbook.

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